

# HOUSE RESOLUTION No. \_\_\_\_

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*Introduced by: Leonard*

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A HOUSE RESOLUTION congratulating Ginger Giessler  
on her receipt of the 2013 Milken National Educator Award.

*Whereas, The nation's largest teacher recognition program  
is the Milken National Educator Awards;*

*Whereas, This award was developed by the Milken Family  
Foundation to reward, retain, and attract the highest quality  
kindergarten through grade 12 teachers to the teaching  
profession;*

*Whereas, To be nominated by the selection committee, the  
candidates must meet the following criteria: possess  
exceptional educational talent as evidenced by outstanding  
instructional practices in the classroom, school, and  
profession; make outstanding accomplishments and have  
strong long range potential for professional and policy  
leadership; and have an engaging and inspiring presence that  
motivates students, colleagues, and community members;*



*Whereas, Ginger Giessler fulfills all these requirements;*

*Whereas, Ginger Giessler began her career as a district manager and retail buyer;*

*Whereas, However, it wasn't long before Ginger decided to do something she thought could make a difference in other people's lives;*

*Whereas, Ginger chose to teach;*

*Whereas, Ginger Giessler came to Fort Wayne's Wayne New Tech Academy in 2009 after teaching at Northwood Middle School and Elmhurst High School;*

*Whereas, The English and language arts teacher was the only educator in Indiana to win the National Milken Educator Award, known as the "Oscars of Teaching";*

*Whereas, By pushing the boundaries at New Tech Academy and engaging the students beyond the standard academic ideals of pass/fail, Ginger's literacy scores are 25 percent above the district average and student pass rates are at the school's highest levels with 75-80 percent;*

*Whereas, In addition to her duties as a classroom teacher at New Tech Academy, Ginger Giessler devotes part of her time to coaching teachers at the emerging New Tech Towles Middle School in project-based learning, collaboration, and accountability;*

*Whereas, Ginger Giessler is a graduate of South Side High School and received her Bachelor of Science Degree in business from Indiana University-Purdue University Fort Wayne (IPFW), a Bachelor of Arts Degree in secondary education (English) from IPFW, and her Master of Education Degree from Indiana Wesleyan Fort Wayne; and*

*Whereas, Outstanding teachers such as Ginger Giessler form the cornerstone of our educational system and should be recognized for the contributions they make toward improving*



*the lives of countless generations of Hoosiers: Therefore,*

*Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the  
General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

1           SECTION 1. That the Indiana House of Representatives  
2           congratulates Ginger Giessler for winning a Milken National Educator  
3           Award and thanks her for all her efforts on behalf of the school  
4           children of the state of Indiana.

5           SECTION 2. That the Principal Clerk of the House of  
6           Representatives transmit copies of this resolution to Ginger Giessler  
7           and Liz Bryan, principal of Wayne New Tech Academy.

